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TAGS: PFOR, RH, TO

SUBJECT: GOT STATEMENT ON RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE GOT SUNDAY EVENING:
QUOTE THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT HAS FOLLOWED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF
INTEREST THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
FAITHFUL TO ITS PERMANENT POLITICAL PRINCIPLES OF SUPPORT FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OF CONDEMNATION OF ALL SYSTEMS
BASED ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, IT REJOICES IN THE POSITION TAKEN
BY THE REBEL AUTHORITIES IN SALISBURY, THE LEADERS OF THE RACIST
MINORITY IN RHODESIA, WHICH IS AIMED AT BRINGING ABOUT THE RULE
OF THE MAJORITY IN THAT COUNTRY IN THE MAXIMUM DELAY OF TWO
YEARS.

THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT IS HAPPY WITH THE DETERMINED ACTION OF
THE RHODESIAN POPULATION AND OF ITS LEADERS, AS WELL AS WITH THE
UNWAVERING EFFORTS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE
OF THE FRONT LINE TOGETHER WITH THE RECENT INITIATIVES OF AMERICAN
DIPLOMACY WHICH HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO BRINGING ABOUT THESE
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RESULTS.

THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE DECLARATION OF MR. IAN SMITH IS IN GOOD FAITH AND THAT THE ENGAGEMENTS UNDERTAKEN WILL BE RESPECTED IN ORDER TO AVOID THE REAPPEARANCE IN THE FUTURE OF A SITUATION COMPARABLE TO THE ONE WE NOW KNOW IN NAMIBIA. THUS THE PERSPECTIVES OPENED TODAY WILL LEAD, BY THE TAKING IN HAND OF THEIR OWN DESTINIES BY THE BLACK POPULAR MAJORITIES, TO EFFECTIVE AND CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE TODAY, AS TOMORROW, IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES THUS OUTLINED IN ORDER THAT IN THAT PART OF AFRICA THE IDEALS OF JUSTICE, OF FAIR PLAY AND EQUALITY AS WELL AS THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL PEOPLES WILL PREVAIL
UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: ABOVE STATEMENT APPARENTLY ISSUED BEFORE GOT RECEIVED LUSAKA DECLARATION OF FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS. TV NEWS AT 2000 GMT CARRIED BOTH GOT STATEMENT AND BRIEF NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT CHARACTERIZING LUSAKA STATEMENT AS A REJECTION. TOGO-PRESSE MONDAY MORNING MAKES NO MENTION OF LUSAKA STATEMENT ALTHOUGH PAPER WAS NOT READY TO GO TO PRESS UNTIL 2300. LOCAL TIME IS GMT.

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